

inserting after the word. "complainants," in the first line thereof, the words, "on oath or otherwise." And the question thereon being taken, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Blakistone then moved to strike out the fourth section of the bill.

After debate, on motion by Mr. Thomas of Frederick, the question was taken, That the further consideration of said bill, with the amendments, be referred to the next general assembly? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the bill reported from the committee on ways and means, to whom it had been recommitted, entitled, An act to provide for the better regulation of the treasury department, which had been made the order of the day for Tuesday last, the 29th ultimo, was made the order of the day for to-morrow, and committed to a committee of the whole house.

On motion by Mr. Thomas of Saint Mary's, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, on the order of the day in reference to the bill reported by him, as chairman of the committee on divorces, entitled, An act for the relief of Elizabeth Hardikin, of Dorchester county; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, when Mr. Potter, the chairman, reported, that the committee, having according to order, had the said bill under consideration, directed him to report the same without amendment.

The bill was then read the second time; when Mr. Semmes offered the following order for consideration:

Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Elizabeth Hardikin, of Dorchester county, be recommitted to the committee on divorces, and that they be instructed to report a bill to divorce the parties "a mensa et thoro."

Which being twice read, the question thereon was taken, Will the house agree to the adoption of the proposed order? And the yeas and nays being required by seven members, were taken and appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker  
Thomas of St. Mary's  
Gough  
Hawkins  
Blakistone  
Comegys  
Ringgold  
Boon  
Kent  
Stewart of A. Arundel  
Sellman  
Taney  
Parran  
Rogerson  
King

Duvall  
Wells  
Watkins  
Tilghman  
Stevens  
Ruth  
Williams of Worcester  
Hooper  
Montgomery  
Potter  
Douglas of Caroline  
Fitzhugh  
Walgamot  
Rentsch  
Lee